ing to sales and despatches of freesale sugar in accordance with statutory requirements. It is expected that with the above measures as well as regular releases of levy and freesale sugar for internal consumption, the prices of sugar would be maintained at reasonable levels.

Committees for the selection of sponsored serials and feature films

489. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to appoint committees to select sponsored serials and feature films for the Doordarshan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N GADGIL): (a) and (b) Committees are already constituted for selection of feature films and sponsored serials as per details indicated in the enclosed statement. (*See below*) The composition of the Central Committee for selection of film is, however, presently being reviewed to make it more based by associating non-officials also.

Statement

A. Hindi feature films:

Hindi feature films telecast by Doordarshan are scrutinised and selections made by a Central Committee consisting of the following:

1. Director General, Doordarshan —Chairman.

2. All Deputy Director Generals in Directorate General, Doordarshan.

3. All Controller of Programmes in Directorate General, Doordarshan.

4. Director (P & T), Directorate General, Doordarshan.

5. Director (Fin.), Directorate General, Doordarshan.

6. Deputy Secretary (Fin.), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

7. Deputy Secreatry (Films), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

8. Deputy Secretary (TV), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

9. Deputy Assistant Controller of Programmes, Directorate General, Doordarshan.

Any three members out of the above would form the quorum for the purpose of grading the film for payment, the the presence of Deputy Secretary (Fin.) would be necessary.

B. Regional feature films

Regional feature films telecast on Doordarshan are selected by the Regional Committees constituted at various Doordarshan Kendras. The composition of the Regional Selection Committee is as follows:

(1) Director of the TV Centre/ Deputy Director. .. Chairman/Alt. Chairman.

(2) Regional Officer (Film Censor Board). .. Member.

(3) Regional Officer (Films Divn.). .. Member.

(4) Deputy Principal Information officer Member.

(5) Station Director, All India Radio. .. Member.

(6) Asstt. Station Director, Doordarshan. .. Member-Secretary.

The Chairman will coopt two senior Officers from Doordarshan staff knowing the language of the Film(s).

"Wherever there is no office of Central Board of Film Certification or Films Division at a place where a Doordarshan Kendras is located, the Director of the Doordarshan Kendra concerned can nominate the Regional

Officers of Song & Drama Division and the Directorate of Field Publicity on the Selection Committee for regional language feature films. Similarly, at places where there is no Deputy Principal Information Officer, the Information Officer of the Press Information Bureau may be nominated on the Selection Committee."

Co. Sponsored programmes produced by sponsors:

The sponsored programmes produced by the sponsors are selected by a Committee at the Directorate General, Doordarshan. This Committee consists of Director General, Doordarshan, Deputy Director General, Doordarshan and the Controller of Programmes looking after the sponsored programmes.

Rising prices of pulses

490. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing prices of pulses in the market;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps have been taken to check the rising prices of pulses and to what extent these have been successful?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): (a) There has been rise in the prices of some pulses in recent months.

(b) The increase in prices may be mainly attributed to the gap between demand for and supply of pulses and the seasonality factor.

(c) Efforts are being made to increase the production of pulses. The import of pulses is allowed under the Open General Licence. Pulses are also being sold through cooperative stores and Super Bazar.

12.00 NOON

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

I. Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th January, 1985 to Starred Question 119 regarding the purchase and sale prices of edible oils.

THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (RAO BIRENDRA SINGH): Sir, I invite the attention of the House to the statement laid on the Table of the House on 25-1-1985 in reply to Starred Question No. 119 by Shri Vithalbhai Motiram Patel regarding the sale and purchase prices of edible oils. The statement contained, *inter alia*, average purchase price of imported oil per ton based on the information furnished by the State Trading Corporation which is the canalising agency for edible oils. On futher scrutiny of the figures given in the reply, it has been found that while calculating the average purchase price, due to arithmetical error, a mistake had occurred. I, therefore, place the revised statement, after correcting the figures of average purchase price, on the Table of the House. Sir, the error is regretted.

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II. Correcting the reply given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th May, 1985 to Unstarred Question 1941 regarding criteria for subscription to news agencies by All India Radio and Doordarshan.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI V. N. GADGIL): Sir, in reply to part (b) of Unstarred Question No. 1941 by Shri Rajni Ranjan Sahu on 17th May, 1985, I had inadvertently mentioned that the amount of subscription paid annually during the financial years 1983-84 and 1984-85 to the four news agencies was as under. This information is not correct. The correct information is laid on the Table of the House.

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